IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original)   A method of selectively displaying a markup language form element on a Web page when an object is available to a Web server, the method comprising the steps of:

(a)   associating the markup language form element with the object;

(b)   determining whether the object is available to the Web server;

(c)   generating a markup language document that includes the markup language form element if the object is available to the Web server; and

(d)   displaying the markup language form element on the Web page if the markup language document contains the markup language form element.

Claim 2 (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language is HTML.

Claim 3 (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language form element is a button.

Claim 4 (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) includes maintaining a record of whether the object is available to the Web server within a configuration file.

Claim 5 (Original)   The method of claim 4, wherein the configuration file is written in XML.

Claim 6 (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the object is an application program.

Claim 7 (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) further comprises the step of generating a markup language document that does not include the markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server.

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Claim 8 (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) further comprises the step of generating a markup language document that includes a disabled markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server.

Claim 9 (Original)   A computer program comprising means adapted to perform all the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a networked computer.

Claim 10 (Original) A computer program as claimed in claim 9 embodied on a computer readable medium.

Claim 11 (Original) A program product stored on a computer readable medium for generating a markup language document for display on a Web page when an object is available to a Web server, said program product comprising:
      (a)   means for associating the markup language form element with the object;
      (b)   means for determining whether the object is available to the Web server;
      (c)   means for generating a markup language document that includes the markup language form element if the object is available to the Web server; and
      (d)   means for displaying the markup language form element on the Web page if the markup language document contains the markup language form element.

Claim 12 (Original) The product of claim 11, wherein the markup language is HTML.

Claim 13 (Original) The product of claim 11, wherein the markup language form element is a button.

Claim 14 (Original) The product of claim 11, further comprising means for maintaining a record of whether the object is available to the Web server within a configuration file.

Claim 15 (Original) The product of claim 14, wherein the configuration file is written in XML.

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Claim 16 (Original) The product of claim 11, wherein the object is an application program.

Claim 17 (Original) The product of claim 11, further comprising means for the step of generating a markup language document that does not include the markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server.

Claim 18 (Original) The product of claim 11, further comprising means for generating a markup language document that includes a disabled markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)
Claim 20 (Cancelled)
Claim 21 (Cancelled)
Claim 22 (Cancelled)
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Claim 24 (Cancelled)
Claim 25 (Cancelled)
Claim 26 (Cancelled)
Claim 27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Original) A computer system for selectively displaying a markup language form element on a Web page when an associated object is available to a Web server, said computer system comprising:

    (a)   a server for generating a markup language document, said server comprising:

        (i)   storage means for storing a value representing whether the object is available to the Web server;

        (ii)   a first processing means coupled to said storage means for:

            (A)   determining whether the object is available to the Web server;

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        (B)   generating a markup language document that includes the markup language form element if the object is available to the Web server;

(b)   a communications network coupled to said server; and

(c)   a second processing means coupled to said server through said communications network, said second processing means for reading and displaying the markup language document.

Claim 29 (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the markup language is HTML.

Claim30 (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the markup language form element is a button.

Claim 31 (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein said first processing means further generates a markup language document that does not include the markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server.

Claim 32 (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein said first processing means further generates a markup language document that includes a disabled markup language form element if the object is not available to the Web server.

Claim 33 (Cancelled)
Claim 34 (Cancelled)
Claim 35 (Cancelled)
Claim 36 (Cancelled)
Claim 37 (Cancelled)

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